

The other long-term contract holder, the Ketchikan Pulp Corp. now barely survives with the unfair changes unilaterally inserted into its contract by the 1990 Tongass Timber Reform Act. The company has about 8 years remaining on its contract, but is facing several business options. The company has indicated a willingness to invest substantial resources—upwards of \$200 million—to install environmental improvements to the plant and make it more energy efficient. Amortizing that investment requires a 15-year extension to their existing contract.

The 15-year extension is the first feature of my bill. The remaining parts of the bill attempt to improve the fairness of the contract provisions that were unilaterally changed under the 1990 Tongass Timber Reform Act. One provision requires a harvest plan which details the volume of timber and its location. Another provision requires normal independent appraisals and competitive rates for timber. Another provision concerns proportionality of harvests and includes a new criteria—acreage—by which proportionality is measured. Other provisions remove the termination clause and specifically allow conversion or replacement of the pulp mill with a similar facility. A final provision says that future modifications of the contract must be by mutual agreement.

I remind critics of logging on the Tongass that this bill has nothing to do with changing wilderness or LUD II designations. This bill has nothing to do with removing stream buffer protection. This bill has nothing to do with restoring the Tongass timber supply fund. This bill has nothing to do with any other part of the Tongass Timber Reform Act. Some may wish it did change those parts of the unfair law, but it does not.

This bill concerns fairness. It concerns restoring a viable long-term contract and extending its term. Before passage of the 1990 Tongass Timber Reform Act, nearly every environmental interest emphasized that timber harvesting and timber employment would not be affected if the Tongass law was reformed. I regret to say that those who made the representations have forgotten that they promised peace in the valley. The bill I introduce today does the least possible to address one issue that might make peace in the valley.

The timber economy has faltered in the Tongass. Not because it is inefficient, but because the law agreed to by powers in Washington, DC, doomed the timber economy. Passage of this bill means hope to those in Ketchikan and throughout Southeast. It means hope because an extended, viable timber contract will result in a clearer chlorine-free mill with improved energy efficiency. It means hope because it means jobs. Jobs and a cleaner environment means a good future for the timber resource industry in the Tongass.

An additional point is worth mentioning. There were allegations of timber theft by the company holding the long-term contract on the Tongass. My staff checked this report. They were told by the FBI that there is no planned or existing investigation of the company for timber theft. Nothing, according to the FBI after having visited the Tongass, has prompted the Bureau to even initiate a preliminary or full-fledged investigation of criminal timber.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on the House Agriculture Committee to advance this piece of legislation.

AMEND THE OMNIBUS CRIME CONTROL AND SAFE STREETS ACT OF 1968

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation that would amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to ensure that families of police and fire chaplains killed in the line of duty will receive well-deserved death benefits. I introduced this legislation in the previous Congress. It passed the House as an amendment to the omnibus crime bill but was taken out during the conference between the House and Senate negotiators. Thankfully, it is a rare occurrence when a fire of police chaplain loses his life in the line of duty. However, if such a tragedy does occur, the families of these courageous men and women will not be left out in the cold. These unsung heroes will have the assurance of knowing that their loved ones will be taken care of.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, a rare occurrence did take place on June 18, 1994, when Los Angeles County Police Chaplain Bruce Michael Bryan was killed. Chaplain Bryan was an officially recognized and trained police chaplain. The night he was killed, he accompanied a sheriff's deputy on a routine call to a bar. The deputy first detained and subsequently drove home an intoxicated individual. Apparently, the individual believed he was under arrest, panicked and wrestled the deputy's gun free. The detained shot the deputy, did not kill him, and proceeded to chase Chaplain Bryan before shooting him three times in the head execution style.

Chaplain Bryan was a volunteer chaplain based out at the Carson Sheriff's substation. He was certified as their official chaplain and would hold Sunday morning services for the other officers. Yet, his record of public service was not only that of a police chaplain. He was very involved in his local church and also established and operated New Heart Ministries which offers continuing help and rehabilitation to former criminals starting new lives outside incarceration.

It is on behalf of all police and fire chaplain that I introduce this legislation today. In the memory and honor of Chaplain Bryan, I have titled the legislation the "Bruce M. Bryan Police and Fire Chaplain Public Safety Officers's Benefit Act of 1996". It is my sincere hope that Congress will pass this important and necessary piece of legislation.

Police and fire chaplains are often called upon to confront dangerous circumstances. For example, they may be counted upon to participate in situations where criminals are holding hostages, drive an ambulance if needed, or even pick-up a fire ax to combat a deadly fire. These men and women to to work every day and perform their duties diligently and quietly, responding to the same crime and fire scenes that their colleagues do.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask my colleagues that they join me in cosponsoring this legislation which would compensate the families of police and fire chaplains who, while in the line of duty, could pay the ultimate price possible for doing their job. This bill amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe

Streets Act of 1968 to ensure that police and fire chaplains killed in the line of duty receive federal death benefits.

I ask unanimous consent that this letter from Fateher William Wentink, police chaplain for the Rockford, IL, Police Department and the Illinois State Police, be inserted here as part of the RECORD.

ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT,
SAINT ANTHONY MEDICAL CENTER,

Rockford, IL, May 17, 1996.

Congressman DONALD A. MANZULLO,
Cannon House Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN MANZULLO, for over a quarter of a century I have served as Chaplain for the Rockford Police Department. I am also Chaplain for the Illinois State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The City of Rockford Police Department has approximately 30 Police Chaplains. There is a Chaplain on duty 24 hours a day every day of the year. These are all volunteer positions. Our Chaplains are involved in many areas of Police work. This includes helping people who need a place to stay, food or medicine. We also talk with people who might be lonely or suicidal. We are also involved in death situations. Our Chaplains are on the scenes of major disturbances and incidents in our city.

More and more Law Enforcement Agencies are utilizing the expertise and professionalism of Police Chaplains. Estimates are that between 25% and 50% of the 17,000 Law Enforcement agencies in our Country have Police Chaplains on staff. Approximately 1,200 of these Police Chaplains belong to the International Conference of Police Chaplains. Of these 1,200 Police Chaplains over 93% are volunteer. They offer their time, talents, and service to the citizens of their communities.

In the United States there are over 100 Police Officers killed in the line of duty each year. There is a Federal death benefit of over \$100,000.00 that goes to the estate of a Police Officer whose life is taken in the performance of duty. I am asking if it would be possible to include Police Chaplains in this benefit. Although most are volunteer, they are officially appointed to their Departments and carry out their obligations and duties under the command and direction of the head of the agency.

Thank you for your consideration and efforts in this important matter.

Very truly yours,

REV. WILLIAM R. WENTINK,
Chaplain.

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT K. DORNAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the beautiful city of Garden Grove, my home town, for celebrating its 40th anniversary on June 18.

Dr. Alonzo Cook, who is recognized as Garden Grove's founding father, would be so proud of the beauty and growth of this unique, southern California city. Since its incorporation on June 18, 1956, when services were formally coordinated to accommodate the booming population, Cook's pioneer spirit continues to be a part of life for Garden Grove and its citizens.

Originally a land of dry desert and no vegetation, Alonzo Cook had a vision to create a

community filled with beautiful gardens for families to raise their children and individuals to support themselves. What has transpired since that time has been remarkable. Despite a devastating flood of the Santa Ana River in 1916 and a tragic earthquake in 1933, residents joined in spirit and labor to see to it that Garden Grove continued its mission of creating and expanding the city's economic and social opportunities. And that trend continues today. At the time of the 1960 census, Garden Grove had a population of nearly 44,000. Today, the population is more than 140,000. That makes Garden Grove the fourth largest city in Orange County and the 17th largest in the State of California, a true testament to its attractive nature.

Today, Garden Grove remains a dynamic and thriving city with a strong sense of its roots based on a truly distinctive history. And due to its central geographic location within Orange County, one of the most economically robust areas in California, Garden Grove has become an ideal environment for family living, commercial enterprises, and recreation. It is just what Alonzo Cook envisioned.

Mr. Speaker, I'm so proud to be a resident of this city. Happy anniversary, Garden Grove.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON HOUSE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 178,
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON
THE BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 1997

SPEECH OF

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, The Republican budget is the only honest plan that balances. It allows people to earn more, keep more, and do more with their families and communities.

The budget that my Republican colleagues and I have crafted symbolizes the historic changes and continuous process of shifting power out of Washington and back where it belongs—in the hands of the people.

The Clinton administration does not seem to realize that every dollar counts to working American families. If we had, right now, a budget that balanced, mortgage interest rates would be one point lower. That one point might only be \$65, but that \$65 means the difference between home ownership and renting for many families.

The Republican proposal fulfills our commitment to balance the budget by 2002, with lower deficits than the President's proposal every year. It provides a \$500-per-child tax credit for working families, reforms welfare, and protects Medicare, extending the solvency of the trust fund for 10 years. In short, this budget will improve the lives of every American. In addition, it enforces a hard freeze on nondefense discretionary spending in 1997 and achieves balance by reducing deficits every year from 1997 through 2002.

Last year, the House-passed budget resolution projected a deficit of \$173.5 billion in 1997. Today's budget resolution projects a deficit that is \$20 billion lower. It would be even lower if the President were as committed to a balanced budget as he claims.

Mr. Speaker, for far too long, American families have worked to provide for the Government. It is time they worked to provide for themselves.

TRIBUTE TO LT. PATRICK BOLAND

HON. FLOYD SPENCE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lt. Patrick Boland, a very determined young man, whose dauntless persistence and dedication have enabled him to reach a significant milestone in his life. Lieutenant Boland set a goal for himself, to serve our Nation as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force, and he has worked tirelessly to achieve that goal.

After earning a bachelor of science degree from Clarkson University in 1992, Patrick Boland enrolled in the master of aerospace engineering program at the Georgia Institute of Technology, and joined the Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps [AFROTC] in 1994. He received the Superior Performance Award in 1995, based on the leadership abilities that he demonstrated during his field training that summer. He also was chosen to be the leader of a newly formed Civil Air Patrol squadron. In the fall of 1995, he was selected for a pilot slot and was appointed to the highly selective Euro-NATO Joint Pilot Training Program, where he rose to the top of his class and was designated as a distinguished graduate. Last Friday, Patrick Boland received the last Regular Air Force commission from the Georgia Institute of Technology AFROTC program, while also receiving the master of aerospace engineering degree.

Lieutenant Boland is to be commended on his accomplishments. I would like to wish him much success as he dedicates himself to the service of our country as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force.

MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

HON. MATTHEW G. MARTINEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. Speaker, in all of arguments we have heard against raising the minimum wage, an essential point is lost. In 1938, the Fair Labor Standards Act established the minimum wage to help maintain a "minimum standard of living necessary for health, efficiency and general well-being of workers." Today's minimum wage fails to meet that standard.

Since the minimum wage was last increased in 1991, the cost of living has risen 53.5 percent. If it is to have the buying power it had in the 1960's, it would have to jump immediately to \$5.65. And if it is left at the current level of \$4.25, the minimum wage will reach a 40-year low, when adjusted for inflation, in January 1997.

All the debate about what economists have said is useless when you consider that they do not agree among themselves about the effect of an increase in the minimum wage. Several of their studies have resulted in distinctly

opposite conclusions of what an increase will do to the economy and employment. What we must weigh in making this decision are the personal benefits such a move will have on individuals who are earning the current minimum wage.

As many of the religious organizations have attested in their calls for an increase, this is a matter of social and economic justice. No one can deny that those earning the minimum wage, particularly in those families where the sole wage earner only receives the minimum, are faced with severe economic hardship. And in a time when we are trying to promote independence and self-sufficiency, rather than reliance on the public dole, raising the minimum wage makes sense.

Raising the minimum wage will not prove to be such a hardship for many American companies. According to *Business Week* figures, corporate profits increased 75 percent and annual CEO pay increased 92 percent from 1990 to 1995. Productivity is on the rise. Nevertheless, the average hourly wages for the 82 percent of the workforce that are production or supervisory workers have steadily declined since 1979. Workers are simply not being paid at a rate that corresponds to their rising output, and it is time for corporations to reverse this trend.

For those who would argue that small businesses would be the ones that would truly suffer from an increase in the minimum wage, we have already passed the Small Business Tax Relief Act, which will be linked to this increase. In this bill, we alleviate some of the regulatory and financial burdens placed on these businesses, so they can devote more resources to their employees.

As this debate continues, we will see that for every argument, there is a counter argument. Let's just return to the basics and accept what even many Republicans have accepted, that humaneness calls upon us to raise the minimum wage again. Let's stop quibbling about how many teenagers, how many single mothers, how many sole household earners will be affected from an increase. Let us raise the minimum because it is the right thing to do; because 80 percent of the American people believe an increase is warranted; because we must re-establish a minimum wage that provides a "minimum standard of living necessary for health, efficiency and general well-being of workers."

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 1997

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK TEJEDA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3603) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes:

Mr. TEJEDA. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.